

In section 2212, the conference report includes a provision similar to the Senate amendment that allows transfers among international assistance programs in this chapter in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000. The House did not address this matter.

Section 2213 of the conference report reflects the Senate language on extending the waiver on Pakistan sanctions. The House did not address this matter.

Section 2214 amends the authorization levels in the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act to be consistent with the levels of funding provided in this Act and H.R. 2800. The reporting requirements in section 2312 of the Senate bill are addressed in section 2215 of the conference report. The House bill did not address this matter.

Section 2215 is a new section that consolidates many of the reporting requirements of the House and Senate bills under one provision entitled "Reports on Iraq and Afghanistan". This includes issues relating to debts owed by the government of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, efforts of the United States to increase resources contributed by foreign countries and international organizations to the reconstruction of Iraq, the manner in which the needs of people with disabilities are being met in the development and implementation of reconstruction activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, progress made in indicting leaders of the former Iraqi regime for war crimes, and efforts by the Coalition Provisional Authority and relevant Iraqi officials to preserve religious freedoms. In addition, this provision includes a monthly reporting requirement on Iraqi oil production and oil revenues, and the use of such revenues, and progress made in accomplishing United States assistance and development goals in Afghanistan. This section reflects the requirements of House section 2207 and Senate sections 2309 and 2314.

In section 2216, the conference report prohibits funds appropriated or otherwise made available by chapter 2 of title II of this Act from being obligated for any activity in contravention of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflicts. This is similar to Senate section 2318, and the House did not address this matter.

Section 2217 is a new general provision that relates to women's participation in reconstruction in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The conference agreement does not include language from the Senate bill expressing the sense of Congress on certain matters. The managers endorse the intent of this language, specifically that: each country that is owed a debt by Iraq that was incurred during the regime of Saddam Hussein should forgive such debt; arbitrary deadlines should not be set for the dissolution of the Coalition Provisional Authority, and that transfer of authority should occur only after the ratification of an Iraqi constitution and the establishment of an elected government in Iraq takes place; the United States should make every effort to increase the level of financial commitment from other nations to reconstruction in Iraq, and that the United States contributions to these efforts should be done in a manner that promotes economic growth in Iraq and limits the long-term cost to American taxpayers; and, the removal of the Government of Iraq under Saddam Hussein enhanced the security of Israel and other United States allies.

The managers do not include House sections 2212 and 2213 and Senate sections 2308, 2310, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2319, and 2320.

TITLE III—INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

The conference agreement includes a new title that establishes an Inspector General of

the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA). This title is in lieu of provisions in the Senate version of the bill to establish an Inspector General of the CPA. The House bill did not contain a comparable provision.

The Inspector General will perform oversight and promote transparency on tracking of funds; provide continuing review and accumulation of data concerning both reconstruction activities and contracting; monitor the constant flow of information, particularly the accounting of the use of funds and transfers of funds between agencies and other third parties; and establish controls and a record-keeping system that can accumulate and maintain records for future reviews, investigations, and/or audits.

Funding is provided for the Inspector General within the Operating Expenses of the Coalition Provisional Authority account in Title II of this Act.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

The conference agreement includes a provision, as proposed by the House, which limits the availability of funds provided in this Act.

The conference agreement includes a provision, as proposed by the Senate, designating the amounts provided in the Act as emergency requirements. The House did not include a similar provision, but did include individual emergency designations with each appropriation account.

The conference agreement contains modified language proposed by the House which ensures that schools serving the children of military personnel continue to receive Impact Aid funds when their parents are deployed or killed while on active duty and the child continues to attend the same local educational agency. The Senate bill did not include this provision.

The conference agreement does not include additional funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Senate proposal included \$1,300,000,000 for medical care. The House proposal did not include supplemental funds.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed by the Senate (Sec. 5001) requiring the President to submit to each Member of Congress a report on the projected total costs of United States operations in Iraq, including military operations and reconstruction efforts, through fiscal year 2008. The House did not include a similar provision.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed by the Senate (Sec. 5006) to permit personal injury claims by United States citizens and their spouses and children against a foreign state relating to such citizens being held hostage between 1979 and 1981. House did not include a similar provision.

The conference report does not include House section 3004, prohibiting funds from being provided to any unit of security forces of a foreign country if these forces credibly have been alleged to have been involved in abuses of human rights. As this is also a general provision in the annual foreign operations appropriations Acts, the managers expect these criteria to apply to all funds provided in fiscal year 2004.

The managers do not include House sections 3002, 3004, 3005, 3006, and 3007 and Senate sections 5003, 5004, 5005, and 5007.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2004 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the 2004 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2004 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]

Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	\$87,039,804
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House bill, fiscal year 2004	86,856,029
Senate bill, fiscal year 2004	86,449,004
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2004	87,442,198
Conference agreement compared with:	
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	+402,394
House bill, fiscal year 2004	+586,169
Senate bill, fiscal year 2004	+993,194

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.J. Res. 75, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 417, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 75) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and